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for the

DARTMOUTH AND TOTNES PORT HEALTH AUTHORITY

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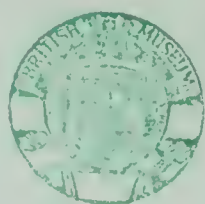
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ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH FOR THE
DARTMOUTH AND TOTNES PORT HEALTH AUTHORITY
FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31st DECEMBER, 1963.

To the Chairman and Members

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN.

In accordance with my statutory duties I have the honour to submit my Annual Report for the year ending 31st December, 1963.

The Report is made on the lines of Form Port 20 - the form, sequence and letters of the tables being adhered to.

There has been no change in the Port Health District of Dartmouth and Totnes as constituted in the year 1888 by a Provisional Order of the Local Government Board.

SECTION I - Staff - No change.

SECTION II - Amount of Shipping entering the District during the year 1963.

TABLE B

Ships from	No.	Tonnage	Number Inspected		Number of Ships reported as having or having had during the voyage infectious disease on board.
			By the Medical Officer of Health	By the Port Health Inspector.	
For'gn Pts	208	14,843	20	208	NIL
Coastwise	54	18,916	5	54	NIL
Total	262	33,759	25	262	NIL



SECTION III - Character of shipping and tonnage during the
year 1963.

TABLE C

Passenger Traffic	(Number of Passengers	INWARDS - Nil
	(Number of Passengers	OUTWARDS - Nil
(Principal IMPORTS - Coal, Timber, Cement, Thatch.		
(Principal EXPORTS - Nil.		

PRINCIPAL PORTS from which ships arrive - Goole, Blyth, London,
Baltic Ports.

Ships proceeding up river to Totnes - Total 34

Timber - 33

Thatch - 1

Shipping entering the port shows a decrease in both number (71) and tonnage (40,207) as compared to 1962. This is mainly due to the smaller number of ships entering the port to lay up and the end of the coaling at Kingswear.

SECTION IV - Inland Barge Traffic - Nil.

SECTION V - Water Supply - No change.

SECTION VI - Public Health (Ships) Regulations, 1952 -
No change.

SECTION VII - Smallpox

(i) Name of Isolation Hospital to which Smallpox cases are sent in the district - Small pox Hospital, Upton Pyne, Nr. Exeter.

(ii) Ambulance is provided by the Exeter City Ambulance service. The Exeter Special Hospital Management Committee are responsible for the ambulance and ambulance crews are vaccinated yearly.

(iii) Name of smallpox consultant :

Dr. W.H. St. John-Brooke - West Cornwall Hospital,
Penzance.

(iv) Facilities for Laboratory diagnosis of Smallpox :

The Virus Reference Laboratory, Colindale, London N.W.4.
or through the Public Health Laboratory at Bradnich Place, Gandy
Street, Exeter.

SECTION VIII - Venereal Disease - No change

SECTION IX - Cases of Notifiable and other Infectious Disease on Ships

TABLE D

Category	Disease	No. of cases during year		No. of ships concerned.
		Passengers	Crew	
Cases from ships from foreign ports	-	-	-	-
Cases which have occurred on ships from foreign ports but have been disposed of before arrival	-	-	-	-
Cases from other ships	-	-	-	-

SECTION X - Observation on the Occurrence of Malaria in Ships

NIL

SECTION IX - Measures taken against ships infested with, or suspected for Plague

NIL

SECTION XII - Measures against Rodents in Ships from Foreign Ports

1. Procedure for inspection of ships in Ports :
Routine inspection of ships entering Port by Port Health Inspector.
2. Arrangements for bacteriological and pathological examination of rodents with special reference to rodent plagues is carried out by the Public Health Laboratory at Exeter.

Number of rodents sent for examination during the year - NIL

TABLE E

Rodents destroyed during the year in ships from foreign ports

Category	Number
Black Rats	NIL
Brown Rats	NIL
Species not known	NIL
Sent for examination	NIL
Infested with plague	NIL

TABLE F

De-ratting Certificates and De-ratting Exemption Certificates were issued during the year for ships from foreign ports.

No. of De-ratting Certificates issued					No. of	Total
After fumigation with		After	After	Total	de-rat'g	Certs
HCN	Other Fumigant (state method)	Trap'g	pos'n'g		exempt'n Certs issued.	Issued.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Nil	Nil	-	-	-	-	-

SECTION XIII - Inspection of ships for nuisances

TABLE G

Inspections and Notices

Nature and Number of	Notices served		Result of serving notice.
	Stat'ry Notices	Informal Notices	
General examination of crews' quarters, heads, water supply, store rooms, hold and bilges	262	NIL	NIL
Total	262	NIL	NIL

SECTION XIV - Public Health (Shell Fish) Regulations 1934 & 1948
No change.

SECTION XV - Medical Inspection of Aliens

No change.

SECTION XVI - Miscellaneous

There has been no change in the arrangements for burial of infectious cases or of the disposal of smallpox cases.

During the year 1963 the following patients were treated by me

1. At the Dartmouth and Kingswear Hospital :-

One case - Acute Bronchitis			
One case - Renal Colic	-	transferred to Torbay Hospital	
One case - Miscarriage	-	"	"
One case - Compound fracture			
Ankle	"	"	"

2. At the surgery or at the Dartmouth and Kingswear Hospital as outpatients

One case - Fibrositis
One case - Burns
Two cases - Furunculosis
One case - Bronchitis
Four " - Anxiety State
One " - Dislocation
One " - Fracture
Nineteen cases - Minor Ailments.

3. There were two cases of Venereal Disease.

There were no cases of infectious disease.

4. All Foreshores, Quays and Jetties have been inspected and found satisfactory.

5. Layed up ships are regularly inspected and found to be satisfactory.

5. Sewer outfalls satisfactory or under surveillance.



I have the honor to be,
Your obedient Servant,

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A.D. VERNIQUET. M.B., Ch.B.,
Port Medical Officer of Health.



